Fake Electronic Goods

1372. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some cases of sale and manufacturing of fake electronic goods have come to the notice of the Government; and

(b) if so, the action taken against such manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Some cases of unfair trade practices of selling fake TVs by issuing misleading advertisements/making misrepresentations have come to the notice of the Government. Preliminary investigation has been ordered into such cases under the MRTP regulations.

[*English*]

Exploitation of Women in Unorganised Sector

1373. SHRIMATI SUSEELA GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring any legislation in response to the recommendations of the Commission of self employed women to protect the exploited women in the unorganised sector.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976 which provides for payment of equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or work of a similar nature and also for prevention of discrimination against women in recruitment and other conditions of service subsequent to employment applies to all categories of employment including the unorganised sector. There are other labour laws which protect both men and women workers in the unorganised sector like the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the Beedi and Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, the Contract Labour Act etc. Therefore, there is no proposal at present to bring any legislation exclusively for women workers in the unorganised sector.

Assistance to Co-operative Sectors by H.D.F.C.

1374. SHRI SARAT CHANDRA PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Housing Development Finance Corporation is considering any proposal to provide financial assistance to Co-operative sector for construction of houses for the weaker section of the society; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited, a private Sector Housing Finance Institution, reports that it assists the Co-operative sector by giving loans to individuals who are members of the Societies and who need assistance; it does not finance a Co-operative Society as such. Loans to EWS categories of people have also been extended through the German line of credit and some of the loans have been given to borrowers who have organised Co-operative societies for house building.